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In the application of: William R. McDonnell
Serial No.: 10/031,925

Filed: January 23, 2002

For: LAUNCH AND RECOVERY SYSTEM FOR UNMANNED AERIAL VEHICLES

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Washington, D.C. 20231

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Transmitted herewith is:

- An amendment C in the above-identified application.
 Claiming Small Entity Status:

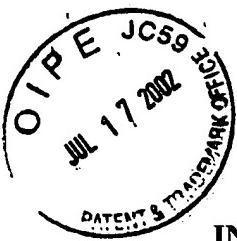
The fee has been calculated as shown:

CLAIMS AS AMENDED						
	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest No. Previously Paid For	Present Extra	Rate - Other Than A Small Entity	Rate - Small Entity	Additional Fee
Total Claims	81 -	61 =	20	\$18.00	\$9.00	\$180
Indep. Claims	14 -	10 =	4	\$84.00	\$42.00	\$168
Total Additional Fee:						\$348.00

A check in the amount of \$348.00 is attached.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit overpayment under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required by this paper to Deposit Account 162201. Duplicate copies of this sheet are enclosed.

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Sir:

Please add the following claim 231-250 before examination of this application.

CLAIMS

231. A method for capturing a flying object, comprising the steps of:

- a) suspending one or more linear or curvilinear fixture(s) across the flight path of the object in a generally vertical orientation, or otherwise in an orientation which includes a component normal to the flight path;
- b) guiding the object to strike one or more of the fixture(s);
- c) allowing the subsequent motion of the object to slide the fixture(s) along a wing or spanwise lifting surface of the flying object;
- d) intercepting the sliding of the fixture(s) by one or more hooks attached to a wing or spanwise lifting surface of the flying object;

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